

CDF NEWS RELEASE

California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



MENDOCINO UNIT

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BUS FIRE UPDATE

Willits - The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) as of 8:00 am August 30, 2001 is reporting full control of the Bus Fire. The CDF Serious Accident Investigation Team has completed a preliminary investigation report.

The Mendocino Unit of CDF is requesting persons with information regarding the Air Tanker collision to please call (707) 456-1810. Callers can be anonymous and the information gathered may be helpful to the investigation.

A fund has been set up in the memories of Larry and Lars. Those wishing to make a contribution can do so by sending their donations to:

Associated Airtanker Pilots Memorial Trust Fund
Newhart Bookkeeping
711 D Healdsburg Ave.
Healdsburg, Ca 95448

Condolences can be expressed at www.virtual-condolences.com

Services in Redding For Lars Stratte at 11:00 am on Monday September 3, and services for Larry Groff in Santa Rosa at 10:00 am on Tuesday September 4, locations to be announced.

We appreciate the tremendous support received from the Mendocino County community. Special thanks to Masonite, the Mendocino Redwood Co., and Redwood Forest Products for their donation of services.

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